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The "unavoidable" OSAP delays
that could have been avoided

[ORCA] — "Mr. Speaker, I am not at all sure that there was inadequate planning for this (OSAP) program."

So said Dr. Bette Stephenson, Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities, in the provincial legislature on Nov. 17th when confronted with a scathing letter from the Association of Student Awards Officer of Ontario.

The letter stated that "we (awards officers) are tired of seeing our students made to suffer because of inadequate Ministry planning and management" and that "we have reached the point where we no longer believe any OSAP assessment produced by your Ministry is correct."

The emergence of the awards officers' letter, and the consequent extension of discussion on the new OSAP program to the floors of the legislature, have focused attention on the government's implementation of the new

loans and grants policy and to the present backlog of unassessed and rejected OSAP applications that the Ministry has received.

According to the director of the Information Resources Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, the latest government figures (as of Nov. 17th) show that 81,816 applications have been received, 76,790 applications have been processed, 71,000 of these have actually resulted in assessments (money is usually received within two weeks of an assessment), and of those 71,010 assessments, approximately 64,000 assessments have been for the full and exact amount warranted.

2,925 applications have been labelled "special consideration" cases and have not been dealt with. 1,108 applications have been returned to the applicants, and 4,000 applications, most of them early ones, have been rejected by the

computers due to programming errors in the Ministry's computer systems.

Comparing these figures with figures from Oct. 31 of the previous year (almost three weeks earlier in the first term) we see that the percentage of applications processed is down, that the actual number of assessments is down over 16,000 and that the number of full and correct assessments is down approximately 23,000.

Could the present situation have been avoided and should the Ministry be held responsible for the present dilemma because of their poor management of the new program, or should we accept Dr. Stephenson's assertion that we are now enduring the results of a one in a billion, fluke breakdown of an acceptable implementation process? A sound understanding of the Ministry's treatment of the plan, even before its official inception, is necessary before that question can be



SPOT THE LOONIE: Cleverly concealed in the centre of this photo is SGA President Tim Moyle holding up his end of the information picket at Queen's Park, Nov. 16. Photo by John Bast

answered.

The Ministry's decision to stall the disclosure of the finalized version of the new loans and grants policy last fall has been pointed out by the Association of Awards Officers of Ontario and others as being a major factor in the lateness and incorrect assessment of many student loans and grants.

During a speaking tour of Ontario campuses in early October, 1977, Dr. Harry Parrot, then Minister of Colleges and Universities, informed thousands of students and faculty that the 1978-79 pro-

gram of the Ontario Student Assistance Plan would be made public in its final form by early January, 1978. He stated that the finalization of the plan was being delayed that long in order that the Ministry "could" engage in "Meaningful dialogue" with the students of the province.

At the Seneca College meeting of the tour, Chris Allnutt, a member of the Ontario Federation of Students executive, asked Dr. Parrot to create a substantial emergency fund in case there was a delay in processing and

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Laurentian suffers space shortage

by Lloyd Hunt

There are serious space problems at Laurentian University. Several student groups have indicated that their activities have been hampered by the inadequacy of their allotted space.

This problem has been confirmed by the administration. Mr. Paul Menard, Director of Services, indicated that he has been approached by several groups seeking better arrangements. As an example, he stated that there would be considerable competition for the space held by Mutt and Jeff, when its agreement with the University terminates at the end of April.

In keeping with the purpose of Student Street, he felt the primary consideration in allotting that space would have to be given to the needs of the residents of UC and Single Students Residence. One possibility would be a music room for students. Presently, those who wish to play the piano have to obtain a key to Wiley's Femur. Since Laurentian is embarking on a music program in cooperation with Cambrian College, he felt that practice facilities should be more accessible.

Second consideration would have to be given to groups such as the International Students Organization. Presently, this organization has an office in the Married Students Residence. Mr. Menard stated that both the organization and the residents have found the current arrangement unsatisfactory.

As well, the administration has been approached by the Laurentian University Players and Réaction, the French student newspaper. The Players are seeking permanent quarters. Réaction would like a room more conducive to journalism than their present

cubicle.

Meanwhile, there is the question of providing an alternate outlet to supply the type of merchandise offered by Mutt and Jeff. The Bookstore manager, Mr. Morin, indicated that he would be interested in selling this university-oriented clothing. However, his already overcrowded location would be unable to absorb the great amount of new merchandise involved.

At the same time, space problems have been complicated by recent discussions between the administration and the Association des étudiants.

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Crisis funds ready

by James Weaver

In a move that would seem to at least partially admit some responsibility for the glacial process of the new Ontario Student Awards Plan, Colleges and Universities Minister Bette Stephenson has made province-wide arrangements at universities and community colleges for emergency student funds.

Laurentian Student Awards Officer Denis Lauzon told Lambda that money is now available for students affected

by the current delays in the OSAP programme. "There is a standard six week waiting period after an application is filed. After the period has expired, a student may receive up to the calculated first term assessment, less the amount calculated for tuition and residence fees."

This money comes from university coffers, but the loan is now guaranteed by the provincial budget, to the relief of many an administration treasurer.

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Tran hunts professor

by Debra Karn

In the wake of the departure of Tah Asongwed from the School of Translators, students have raised certain questions concerning the choice of a replacement.

Applications for the position are now being considered by a three member committee, composed of two faculty members and one student, all from the School of Translators. The student vote, which will constitute one third of the final say, will be made in conjunction with the Translators' Council. In keeping with government regulations, no foreign instructor can be considered as long as a qualified Canadian is available.

The Tran Council has interviewed two of the applicants thus far, both of whom have previously taught at Laurentian. A spokesman from the Tran Council has expressed criticism that the reasons for why one of the instructors

left has not been made public. The students feel they must have all the information available before they can make an effective decision, and part of this is knowing why the professors terminated their employment in the past.

Students are also concerned that a hasty decision will be made because of the shortage of time. Some fourth year students have been left without an academic advisor for their graduate projects because of the departure of Asongwed and this might cause them some unnecessary difficulty. A replacement is needed before the second term begins and students fear a hasty choice might be made, further exacerbating the situation.

Members of the School of Translators feel they have a right to make some meaningful contribution to decisions of this nature. Lambda will look at some additional criticisms from within the school in later issues.

MINI FARMS, MAXI YIELDS

by William Bradley

A new, resource-conserving technique of small scale "mini-farming" may contain a solution to the world's food crisis and stimulate home agriculture.

Four years of research by Ecology Action of Palo Alto, California indicates that it may soon be possible to grow an entire, balanced diet on 1/4 to 1/20 of the area required by present agricultural methods. John Jeavons says "The key to this extraordinary breakthrough is the Biodynamic French Intensive Method, a high-yielding, environmentally sound system of agriculture that uses as little as 1/2 to 1/16 the nitrogen fertilizer, 1/2 to 1/16 the water and 1/100 the energy consumed by standard techniques per pound of food produced. Up to ten times the gross income may be produced per acre by farmers (or gardeners) utilizing the special

techniques, at little capital expense."

There are several aspects to the procedure. Crops are planted in beds that are "double-dug". The gardener digs 12 - 15 inches down, loosening the soil to a depth of 24 inches. This allows a steady stream of nutrients to flow into the stems and leaves. Double-digging incorporates air into the soil. Moisture is retained well and weeding is simplified by the loose soil. Erosion is minimized.

Seeds are planted in the raised, three to five foot wide beds using a hexagonal spacing pattern. Each seed is placed equidistant from all seeds so that, when they mature, their leaves will touch. This provides a "mini-climate" under the leaves which retains moisture, protects the valuable microbiotic life of the soil, retards weed growth and provides for high yields.

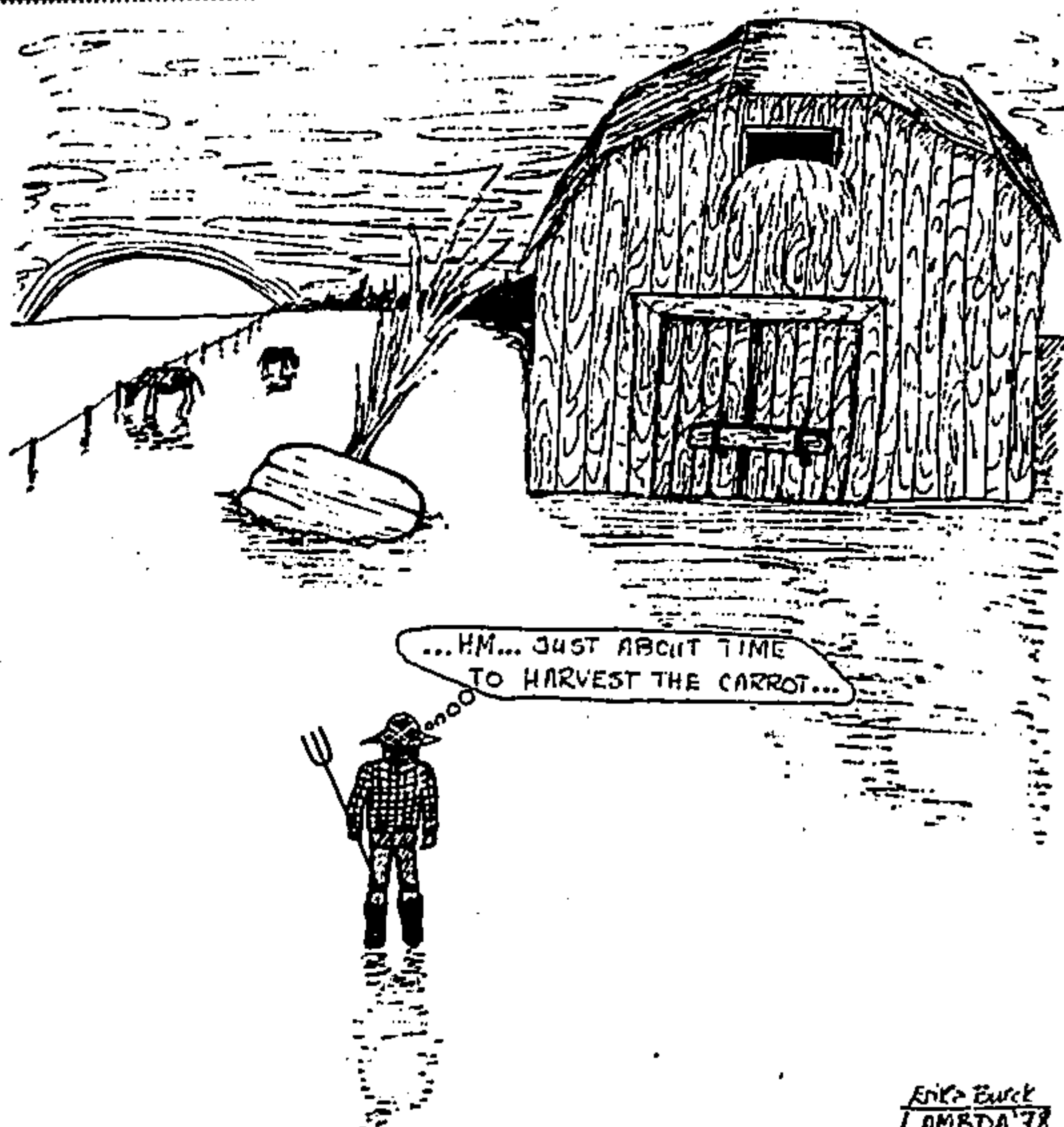
Under realistic test condi-

tions, Energy Action yields have varied between 2 and 16 times the national, California or Santa Clara County averages.

"In some cases, yields have doubled from year to year as the original clay subsoil test area has improved in texture and fertility," reports Jeavons.

Thus, this method is a sustainable form of agriculture. Chemical fertilizers, derived from now scarce and expensive oil products, do not improve soil vitality. E. Wilson Clark [Energy for Survival] reported that in Illinois, 57,000 tons of chemical fertilizer were required in 1968 to sustain the same yield that 1/5 that amount produced in 1948.

For hundreds of years, the Chinese have used fertilizers grown or produced on the farm. "They were able to feed 1.5 to 2 times more people per acre than the U.S. presently does with mechanized, chemi-



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cal techniques (assuming similar, non-meat diets)."

The Biodynamic / French Intensive Method recycles organic waste products in the form of compost. Jeavons asserts that garbage, vegetation, manure and many other forms of organic matter, when properly composted, provide all the elements necessary to maintain biological cycles. The texture and microbiotic life of the soil is improved. The compost also improves aeration and water retention. Thus, maximum plant health at minimum expense increases a garden's yields.

John Jeavons estimates a

mini-farmer in the U.S. could earn as much as \$8000 in a 12 month growing season, and that as little as 20 hours work a week would be required to maintain 4,400 square feet of land growing certain vegetables.

"This would be up to 10 times the income earned with the same crops by his conventional counterpart."

A manual on the techniques, *How to Grow More Vegetables*, is available from Ecology Action, 2225 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California, 94306 - \$4.00 post paid.

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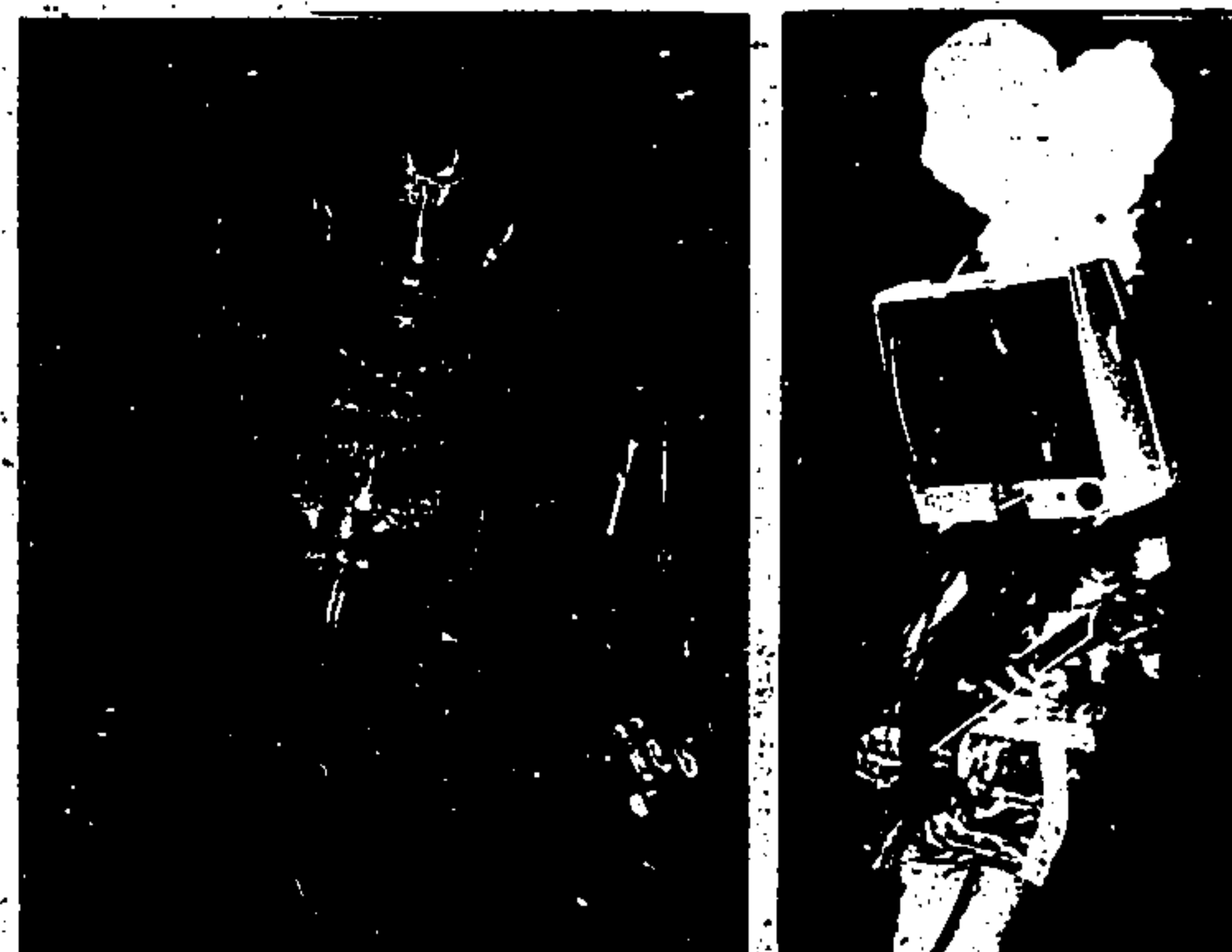
"Y en a pas comme nous!" And Friday's "souper au spaghetti" was proof of this as over 100 (wow!) people came to enjoy the delicious spaghetti and join in the singing and dancing. (How about that Smith? Wine, women and song all at once - and for only 2 bucks!)

Our next event is the "promenade en traîneau" à la ferme Depatie on January 19th. Come one, come all!

De Smith et Jones: Bonne chance dans vos examens. Joyeux Noël et Happy New Year! (hic) "Y en a pas comme nous!" Right?

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Everything you wanted to know about history...

by Greg Rodgers

E.H. Carr, the distinguished British historian, published a little book in 1961 that should be familiar to most every history major. Entitled "What is History?", it makes a serious attempt to answer the questions posed on the cover.

The same question is asked every day by scores of history students seeking some rationale to the study they have chosen. In the interest those perplexed souls, this writer would like to offer some answers to Professor Carr's inquiry. What, indeed, is history?

History is listening to semi-

nars in which the presenter takes longer to summarize an article than the author took to write it.

History is arriving at your own brilliant, earth-shattering theory about the causation of the Russian Revolution after four months of research, only to discover that the World Book Encyclopedia gives the same interpretation, only better.

History is reading copious quantities of literature written by people who have died, about people who are dead, concerning issues that are buried, until you feel exactly the same way.

History is not remembering what your girlfriend / boyfriend, husband / wife, mother / father, looks like but knowing the exact location of every mole on every librarian on every floor of the library.

History is never admitting that you have ever read anything written by Pierre Berton.

History is an eighty pound briefcase.

History is never taking Donald Creighton's name in vain.

History is giving your professor the impression you are hanging on his every word as he discusses the implications of the industrial revolution in Madagascar, when really you are wondering how long it will be before he realizes his fly is open.

History is never having to ask "What time does the library close?"

No doubt Professor Carr had a different approach in mind. However, we feel that he has overlooked the common understanding as to what history really is. Perhaps the next revision of *What is History?* will include what are, indeed, the definitive answers.

The price of the pituitary

by Erika Burck

In the past few days, you may have noticed petitions posted around the campus, supporting an amendment to the Human Tissues Gift Act. This amendment would allow the removal of the pituitary gland during a legal medical autopsy, provided the next of kin do not object.

If you haven't signed the petition by the time this issue of *Lambda* is out, it's probably too late. On Thursday, November 30 a private member's bill will be voted on that will decide the fate of Onta-

rio's future dwarfs.

You see, the pituitary gland controls, among other things, the rate and extent of physical growth. Every once in a while, an unsuspecting child suffers a dysfunction of this gland and simply stops growing. The causes of this dysfunction are not yet known, but there is a cure: injections of the growth hormone found, you guessed it, in the pituitary gland.

In the past, these injections were made readily available to children suffering from extremely slow growth. Recently, however, the number of pitui-

tary glands donated has decreased by 50% and, as a result, the hormone injections have become increasingly scarce and expensive.

Over fifty children in Ontario are suffering from this problem, two of them right here in Sudbury. For many of them, there is the prospect of remaining child-like in stature for life.

For further information, contact Ian D. MacDonald, Sudbury District Help Us Grow (H.U.G.), telephone: 673-1966 (evenings), 673-1111 ext. 285 (business).

WILEY'S FEMUR

All kinds of baked goods were sampled at Wiley's on Sunday. Bran muffins, chocolate cake, lemon loaf ... a nice change from the usual doughnuts.

Bob Hamilton and Jonas Raskewicz opened the evening with some Woody Guthrie, Kenny Rogers and other country songs, to the accompaniment of guitar. Thanks guys - we hope you'll play for us again.

We were then entertained by Sika Eliev, who sang songs in French, Spanish and English - composed by herself and her sisters. Many thanks Sika.

Wiley held the first draw for a "Wiley's Femur" T-shirt. The winning ticket (#7) was held by Audrey Bell, U.C. #605. Lucky you, Aud! Wiley will be having another draw next week, so don't give up. Tickets are three for \$.50 or \$.25 each.

Sunday, December 3 will be Wiley's last night for the year. Christmas carols, candy canes and christmas cake will be featured for all who wish to get into the Christmas spirit. Music will be provided by Ginny Tedford and friends - bring your carol sheets!

So, come on down to Wiley's Femur - downstairs in U.C. - doors open at 8:00 p.m. See you there!

WILEY

Voyageur trail to be rough

by Nick Antonic

It seems a bit inappropriate to describe hiking trails at this time of the year, but knowing about an interesting trail being developed in the area might give you a bit of a head start in making plans for the spring and summer.

A group of hiking enthusiasts in Northern Ontario, based in the Soo, are engaged in creating a trail system for backpackers, much like the famed Bruce Trail. It is an ambitious undertaking, but promises to be a real boost to outdoor recreation in the North.

If ever finished, the Voyageur Trail will be one of the

best trails in Canada. The trail association's 240 odd members have some ambitious plans and are trying to implement them in spite of the many difficulties involved in a project such as this. Spread out among clubs from Thunder Bay to Sudbury, they have managed to lay out bits and pieces of the trails, especially those that are located in provincial parks. The longest existing section runs 200 kilometers from the north end of Sault Ste. Marie to Iron Bridge, with a gap at Echo Ridge.

The plans call for a number of different trail conditions. Some sections will run along the Lake Superior shore, while

others will be laid out inland, weaving in and out among jagged valleys and rugged bush. The trail planners also intend to intersect a number of white-water rivers, further varying the visual appeal and diversity of the route. Wherever it goes, the trail will be a backpacker's domain and will demand a lot from anyone seeking to enjoy its natural splendor.

If you're interested in finding out more about joining the group and lending a hand in making this the envy of trail builders throughout North America, drop a line to Voyageur Trail Association, Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. P6A 5L2.

Aef eyes third floor

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ants francophone about the status of L'Entre Deux.

Mr. Menard asserted that he is attempting to find a permanent, suitable location for this French drop-in centre. The space presently allotted was originally designed as storage and cloakroom facilities to serve the neighbouring Great Hall. Experience has shown that it should revert

back to its original purpose.

Marc Remillard, President of Aef, indicated that he was aware of the fact that they would have to move eventually. He added that he would be glad to do so, provided that they receive more adequate space in return. He stated that he would like to see the adoption of the guidelines of the Roy Report as part of this accommodation.

This document was placed on file by Professor Jacques Roy in October, 1976. It calls for the establishment of a French Social and Cultural Centre. Mr. Remillard asserted that the third floor of the Classroom building would be suitable for this purpose and that his group would seek to establish this centre as part of any new agreement with the administration.

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Minister reluctantly announces funds to cover delays

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Laurentian is not as adversely affected by the delays as are other institutions in the province; Lauzon opined that this is probably due to more Laurentian students filling out their forms properly.

"To date, we have received 1,281 applications," Lauzon stated. "Of these, 129 remain outstanding; 44 have not been returned but are still within the six week period, leaving 85 delayed applications. Of these, 18 are in the "special consideration" category, where personal or parental income exceed the normal guidelines. Special consideration cases are a particular problem in the OSAP delays.

It appears to have been an advantage to have filed applications late this time around. Lauzon has noted that late applications are getting back to Laurentian sooner than the

elder, problem applications, and expressed surprise that the Ministry would not give delayed applications top priority.

The government arrangements are a change in provincial policy. As early as fall of 1978, the Ontario Federation of Students urged the province to set up a contingency fund similar to the one now in operation. The OFS anticipated delays because of the wholesale changes proposed for the OSAP programme. The Ministers had different expectations.

As late as mid-September, the Minister stated that such a fund was unnecessary, and that OSAP was rolling along quite nicely.

It took a nasty letter from the province's Student Awards Officers and an ambush by opposition parties in Queen's Park to force the government into the eleventh hour funding.

Please pass the albatross

Last week, the observant among you would have noticed a front page story about university capital expenditures. Many will choose to interpret this government policy of continuing capital maintenance as proof of the Tory contention that "there are no cutbacks".

Silly people. The Tories tell us that they aren't cutting education spending; in fact, university monies have increased by 5.8% this year. Neatly ignored is the fact that inflation is running close to the double digits, and that educational spending is lower proportionally now than it has ever been.

The capital expansion grants are a classic case of hiding a bomb in the birthday cake. Most of the so-called increases in educational spending are, in actuality, increases under the capital category. It certainly demonstrates an unhealthy government preference for property before people; Ontario will soon have the nicest empty classrooms on the continent. This alone is socially reprehensible, but I smell a bigger rat in the provincial cheese.

A couple of years ago, the province's "dead files" committee commissioned a study on municipal taxation to collect some of the loose dust floating around the Queen's Park archives. The report was supposed to remedy the freeze on provincial assessment's laid down in 1968. The freeze was created to halt market value assessment for municipal tax purposes; a number of the larger, corporate complexes in southern Ontario would be paying taxes larger than some municipal budgets today if they were taxed at what they were really worth. Inco gets around this by putting their real estate values underground, where the tax man doesn't reach. The Bay Street Barons haven't quite figured out how to duplicate that trick with a forty storey office tower.

The people who are suffering as a result are, of course, the home owners, especially those who were silly enough to build post-freeze homes as new homes are assessed at market value.

This study group, the Blair Commission, was basically instructed to "diversify the tax base". Sure enough, one of the recommendations was to start municipal taxation on church, social and educational institutions, areas that have been exempt up to this point.

The report has yet to be adopted and the freeze continues. Speculation from sectors like the *Globe & Mail* hold that this delay is the major reason for the resignation of Treasurer Darcy McKeough, the biggest Tory mandarin after Comrade Leader Bill Davis.

Still, the government waxed rhapsodic over the above-mentioned recommendation. Which brings us to the capital grants at universities.

A major drain on the provincial budget are grants to the operating budgets of various municipalities. A large reason for the necessity of these grants, of course, is that municipalities can't raise local taxes on increased-value developments without raising taxes across the board; "California, Here We Come" is an oft heard tune in municipal offices these days.

This sector is going to have to get off the provincial back if the Tories are going to balance the budget in the early 1980's. The way to do this is to increase municipal tax powers.

Now, if universities are going to be assessed and taxed, the province is not going to want their value to decline as a result of the allocation of revenues to "unimportant" priorities like books and teachers. The game plan becomes obvious. The province fires in a couple of thousand here, installs a sidewalk there, thus building up the property value of the universities. They then toss out a quick amendment to the tax act and tell the municipalities to raise their additional revenues from the newly created lambs in the abbatoir.

Yessir, the government isn't cutting back ... they're just passing the buck.

JAMES WEAVER

Mass Suicides and The Bacchae

by Alex MacGregor

The shoe salesman on the flight from Ottawa to Sudbury was bitter. "Sudbury is one hell of a town to sell shoes in. No one has any money for shoes. Migod, why am I a shoe salesman in Sudbury! By the way, what do you do?"

"Me, I teach Greek and Roman civilization."

The answer sent him into giggles and roars of laughter. "Greek and Roman Civilization - to these boobs? You poor sucker. I only have to sell shoes. You have to sell civilization. Let me buy you a drink. You need one."

I accepted the drink. How-

ever, it is not too difficult to convince the students at Laurentian of the importance of the Classics. For example, this Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. in the School of Education Auditorium, we are putting on "The Bacchae" by Euripides, performed by Dr. Peter Arnott's puppets.

Everyone knows that *The Bacchae* is an amazingly relevant (A word that I hate) production for this time and place. What should the state's position be on a new religious cult? The matter was debated last Sunday on "Cross Country Check Up". Can the state protect its people from a cult

which emphasises the sensual, and the drugs? Must the state retain a value-free posture to all sects, regardless of what they preach? Can one even raise the issue at all, because it is too difficult to define exactly what a cult is? I was told by a friend in the Social Sciences that "The Anglican Church, in my opinion, is a cult that deserves the same rights as the People's Church of God in Guyana". In other words, mass suicides and carol singing at St. Mark's Chapel have the same value - nothing.

My Social Science friend has an answer to the cults. Leave them alone and spend

our time defining the word cult - and studying "Them". In *The Bacchae*, Pentheus, ruler of Thebes, is faced with the problem of how to deal with a new religion, that of Dionysius, which emphasises the ecstatic. Pentheus is determined to stamp the new religion out. However, he is convinced by Dionysius to observe the revels of the new faith. Pentheus climbs a tree. He is spotted by the devotees, who uproot the tree and tear the king to pieces. The murder of the king is committed by Agave, his mother.

The cleverness of Pentheus is no match for the force of the

new, ecstatic religion. Agave, too, is a victim of the new cult. At the end of the play, the stage is left desolate and bleak. The stage is as deserted as a jungle clearing in Jonestown, Guyana.

This week, on St. Andrew's Day, Thursday, November 30, I will be preaching on St. Andrew of Scotland at St. Mark's at 5:30 p.m. Next week, James Weaver, Rand Dyck, Tim Moyle, Lloyd Hunt, Gerry Lafreniere, Tony Nanne, Fr. Allaire, Jack Porter and Ted Heaven will join forces to read the lessons in our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.



Lambda lands literary supplement

by Ron Horne

Beginning with next week's issue, *Lambda* will publish a *Literary Supplement* to our regular edition. This is a completely new concept for the paper and one that, hopefully, will find a receptive audience. We intend to publish this section on a monthly basis, usually with the first week's issue.

John Sturtridge, a Laurentian English major, is the editor of the *Literary Supplement*. At present, Mr. Sturtridge plans to include topical reviews on books, music and

theatre. He also plans to include selected poetry, political cartoons and, possibly, some forms of Art work.

John points out that the supplement will provide a forum in which the university community can express ideas of a more academic or literary nature. Sturtridge is quick to point out that the content will not be limited to reviews and poetry, but will try to include a wide variety of genres, from fiction to political satire. He is also investigating the possibility of having a regular library feature included, as well. This

might include descriptions of some of the little known resources available at the library and, possibly, reviews of noteworthy additions.

As mentioned before, the *Literary Supplement* is an innovative project and *Lambda* welcomes any comments that you may have. John mentioned that there is still room on his staff for anyone interested in taking part in what we all hope to be a successful and worthwhile endeavour.

Parrot felt fund would cause students to delay

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assessing applications; the rationale for this request being that this was a new plan, that it would involve a new computer system, and that the new application forms would necessarily be more complicated and involved. Dr. Parrot did not consider that such a fund would be necessary.

The January deadline for the finalization of the new plan and the unveiling of the new OSAP was put back until March and then April. A little cloak and dagger work by a U of T student revealed that even in January a great deal of the plan was already finalized and part of it was already at the printers.

By the time students and awards officers gained access to the plan in April it was too late for in-school discussion of the new criteria for the plan and the complicated application forms, or for financial counselling to be given by the awards officers.

According to the awards officers' letter to Stephenson the delay of publication, a tactic that many feel was used to defuse negative public reaction to the harsh terms of the new plan, "caused untold difficulty for the Ministry's employees, awards officers, and the consulting firm of Stevenson and Kellogg Limited" who were writing the computer support program. Computer program errors have since been the cause of much of the processing delay.

Also due to the delay by the Ministry, the province's awards officers never received the Policy and Procedures Manual for Awards Officers which was to have been completed by March. As the awards officers' letter points out, "it is difficult to administer a program with incomplete or inaccurate information."

The schedule for completion of programs for the new, computerized assessment system could not be met. The

computer system for editing applications was supposed to be functional in May but was completed late. According to the awards officers' letter, that program is still not working properly.

The computer program for assessing edited applications was delivered two months after it was supposed to be in operation and was, as of

the lack of advertising, many students, primarily those coming directly out of high school, would be unaware of exactly what they would be eligible for in the way of loans and grants. Earlier in the summer, the OFS had complained that students hadn't been made aware that they could appeal for a larger award if they could prove that they actively sought

filled out applications, Harry Parrot, in one of his last official statements as Minister of Colleges and Universities, said on August 9th that the government had no intention of setting up an emergency fund to provide short term relief for students whose awards were late.

The K-W Record quoted Dr. Parrot as saying "I think

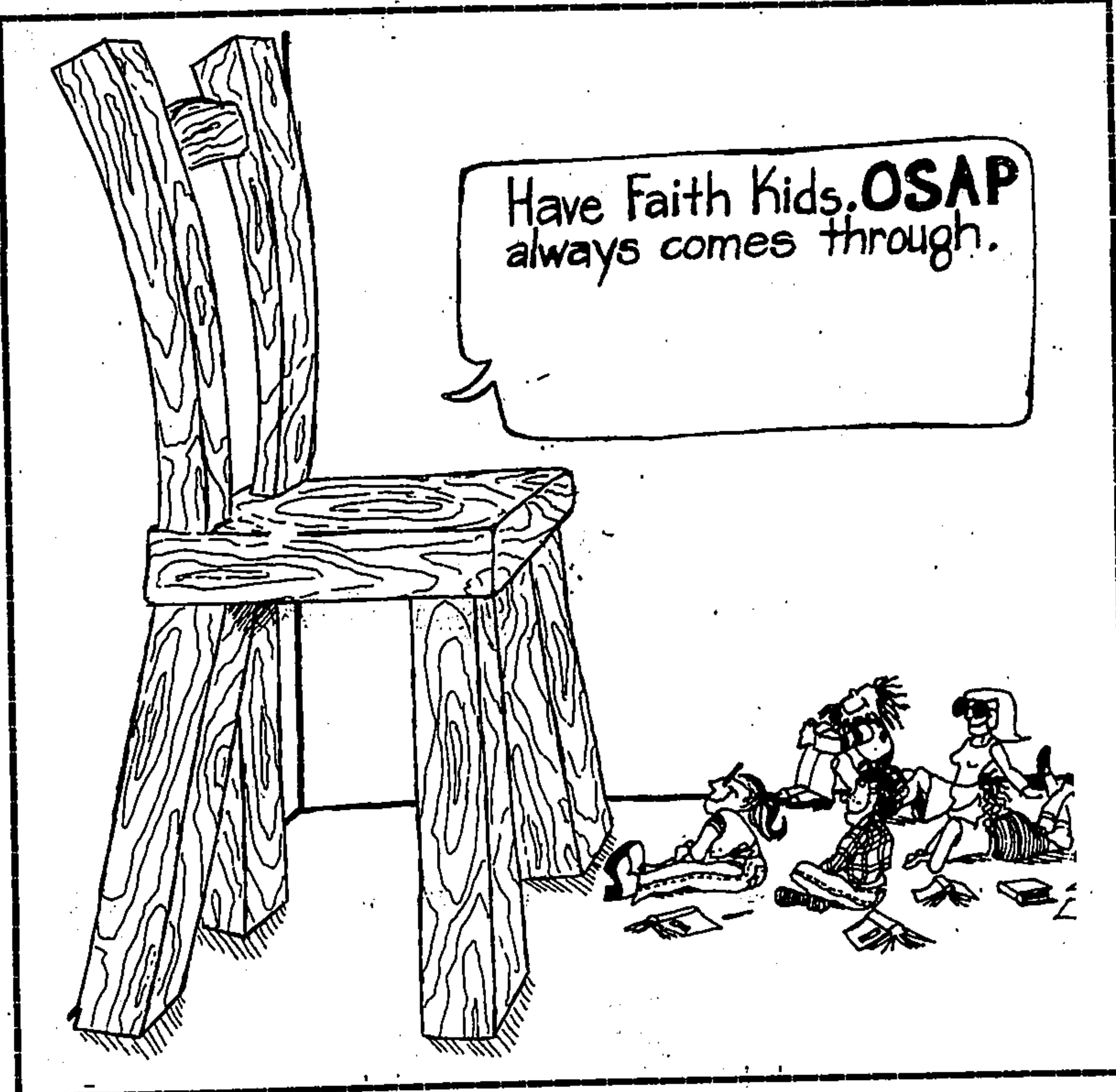
and Universities, replied to the letter, thanking the OFS for their suggestions, but asserting that "we do not feel that the problem is of the magnitude to warrant further action at this time. I can assure you that every effort is being made on the part of our staff to expediate cases which have been unduly delayed."

The "unduly delayed" cases mentioned in the Stephenson letter were several thousand applications incorrectly assessed by the computers on August 21st and 28th.

The computer programs had not been tested properly before being put into operation. The early applicants were used as test cases in the first runs of the computer in the hope that all the programs had been constructed correctly. Consequently, these early applicants did not receive funds by the beginning of the year. Some of these cases still have not been assessed.

Other computer problems in the application reviews section are still uncorrected. According to the awards officers letter, reviews could be delayed until after January 1st.

It was not until early November that Dr. Stephenson, faced with assessment slowdowns and a defunct review process, made 11 million dollars available to awards officers to distribute to disgruntled students. In the interim, money had to be borrowed from university and college administrations and tuition fee deferments had to be approved to meet the financial needs of the students. Again, because of the lack of publicity, many students were unaware of the alternate revenue sources available to them until the loan and grant money came in. It is impossible to tell how many students suffered great inconveniences or decided not to return to school because of the poor performance of the new plan.



November 16, still not functioning properly.

The possibility of assessment problems in the fall and generally low application rates due primarily to the restrictive terms of the plan prompted the OFS to take some action, as well as the lack of publicity for the new OSAP.

Early in August, the OFS told the Ministry that, due to

employment, but were unable to find a summer job. They also weren't adequately informed of the fact that this year, for the first time, a successful appeal would be awarded entirely as a grant and not as a loan.

Even with the computer problems and the likelihood of a large number of incorrectly

that such a fund would only encourage more students to delay longer in getting in their applications for awards."

On August 17th, Miriam Edelson, President of OFS, sent a letter to Parrot reiterating the need for a provincial emergency fund. On September 11th, Bette Stephenson, the new Minister of Colleges

Une chance d'agir, Une carte de plus, Pourquoi pas?

par Suzanne Desmarais

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[L'information nécessaire (adresse...) est affichée sur le tableau à l'extérieur de l'Entre-deux.]

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The life and times of water polo

by Peter Hall

Water polo, after soccer, is one of the most widely played team sports in the world. It is a very complicated team game, and the knowledge of its technical and tactical skills requires years of practice before excellence is achieved.

Water polo is similar to hockey or soccer in concept. The object is to score more goals than the opposition. Played in deep water for four periods, each of five minutes stopped time in duration, it takes about forty-five minutes for a game. During play, team players are not permitted to touch the bottom or sides of the pool.

Each team consists of eleven players, with seven in the water at any one time. The playing team consists of one goalie, three forwards and three defensemen. Substitutions are permitted only between periods or following a goal. Except for the goalie, all players may play the ball with only one hand.

The referee is in charge of the game and makes calls with

whistle and flag. The water polo equivalent of a face-off is a "swim ball", where opposing players race for a free ball.

Water polo is a body contact sport, but such contact is only permitted when a player is actually controlling the ball, and then only if the "Tackle" is aimed at the ball. Most other tackles are considered minor fouls, which gives the opposition possession of the ball. There are also major fouls, such as the pulling back of a player, which result in expulsion from the pool for forty-five seconds. In water polo, such an infraction usually results in a goal for the team with the power play. As in basketball, there is a shooting clock which gives the team in possession of the ball thirty-five seconds in which to take a shot on goal.

In the beginning...

Water polo began in the 1860's in Great Britain. Called "water derbies", it consisted of a large amount of grappling and wrestling.

In the late 1920's two

important developments occurred. First, larger and deeper pools were used, making it necessary for teams to rely to a greater extent on swimming proficiency.

More important, however, was the development by the Hungarians of the method of passing the ball from player to player, without the ball touching the water. This dry passing allowed a quicker transfer of the ball, bringing a great deal more skill into the game as opposed to the brute force needed for success in the earlier matches.

The Hungarians quickly became the leading water polo nation in the world, and are still considered a pre-eminent power. They won the gold medal in the 1976 Olympics, and the silver behind Yugoslavia in the 1978 World Championships. Other top countries are Italy, Russia, the Netherlands and Roumania. Canada is currently ranked twelfth, after being as high as eighth in the Montreal Olympics.

In Canada, the national championship trophy seems to reside in Hamilton or Mont-



real the majority of the time, although Vancouver has become one of the top cities and can boast of three consecutive Canadian junior championships.

Water polo is also played by women and is now coming into the international scene in major championships. Ste. Foy, Quebec is the leading women's club in Canada. Last winter it won a tourney in California against the top teams in the world.

Modern water polo is a challenging and exciting sport,

demanding not only a high degree of physical fitness but a sound knowledge of the game's skills, tactics, and patterns of play.

So, if you're interested...

Water polo is played every Wednesday evening between 7:30 and 9:00 at the Laurentian pool and everyone, male or female, is definitely invited to come and join in.

For any other information, contact B.C. in 816 U.C., 673-9957.

HUNTINGTON HIGHLIGHTS

by Bill Campbell
& Tim Atkin

Hello from Huntington College. We have been absent for a week, but that was due to circumstances beyond our control. Tim is on assignment in Toronto covering the Grey Cup celebrations and, hopefully, will be back with a report next week. Apparently, we now have to submit shorter articles, which will be somewhat like putting the content of an hour show in the space of half an hour or less. This should prove to be verrrry interesting, so, here goes.

Over the past two, weeks, quite the array of events have come and gone. Two of the major events were the Invitational Floor Hockey tourney and the Grey Cup celebrations.

In the Floor Hockey tourney, the Huntington teams, the Huntington Hawks and the Reserves, managed a full sweep of the games. The Hawks handily won all of their games to become the champions. The Reserves, after losing their first game, went on to defeat all others to take the consolation series. The MVP's were Gary Maunu for the Hawks and Guy Tauvette for the Reserves. Both deserved the awards, as did everyone else on the teams.

The Grey Cup celebrations were a little smaller this year than last. A number of the lads decided to go down and see it first hand as opposed to staying in the warm and seeing it on the boob tube. Even though the party was separated by some 250 miles, both

groups enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Here at Huntington, the barley pop was opened with "Beer in Bed" sessions, where upon everyone proceeded until they passed out or the keg ran dry. For some, though, the call of the books was far too strong and, thus, they had to avoid taking part in some of the celebrations. The girls' side of the building saw some rather subdued celebrations going on. Some of them were even seen doing homework in the lounges while the game was on.

In intramural sports, the Men's hockey teams continue in their winning ways.

The B team lost a game to the Thorneloe entry, but came back with a 5-0 shut out in their game on Monday night. In Basketball, the men's teams are still playing very well with both teams recording substantial victories over their opponents. The Women's B-ball team has also been doing very well and again appears to be heading for another championship, their third in a row. The Women's hockey series will be coming soon, with a very strong team shaping up there as well.

The Christmas party will be coming up on the 2nd of December, this coming Saturday, and the Christmas Carol service will follow the next night at 9:00. Refreshments will be served after the service, namely Hot Apple Cider with brown sugar ... and a little extra something. This service will replace the regular five o'clock service for this time only. Everyone is expected to

attend, even those of you who do not live in the residence.

There are only one-and-a-half weeks of school left before the exams and the study crunch, so don't get run down yet. Take one day at a time. These last few days will be going by a lot faster than you may think.


The Men's intramural basketball league continues on with the Super Sonic 7, Bee Bees, Kingpins and the SSR Chumps being the only undefeated teams in the league of 15 early in the season.

The Bee Bees thumped the Nee Skinners 35-18 and Delta M doubled Thorneloe 48-24 in

National cross-country ski team to train at Laurentian

The men's and women's National Cross-country ski teams will be visiting Laurentian University, December 11-15, for testing and training. A total of 17 junior and senior athletes, as well as the men's coach (Mr. Jan Lehman), the women's coach (Mr. Darrel Frank) and the technical director (Mr. Heinz Niederhauser), will arrive in Sudbury on December 11.

Testing will begin on December 12, and will include psychological, physiological, anthropometrical and biomechanical assessments. The evaluations will be conducted



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INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

In the "C" Division, U of S took sole possession of second Division "A" action. In Division "B", the Kingpins edged the Tarheels 23-15 in the battle for first place, and Huntington dumped SPAD 25-18. In other "B" action, the Tarheels were awarded a default victory over Team Cement.

place with a 36-22 thrashing of the Blue Vikings, while the Louisville 69ers moved percentage points ahead of the UC Colts with a 32-17 massacre over the Colts in the battle for third place. High scorer of the week was Marino Verecke of the Bee Bees who scored 16 points in the defeat of the Nee Skinners.

In the women's league, Phys Ed and Charlotte's Angels remain the only two teams with unblemished records.

Phys Ed took two games over the week, crushing Huntington 24-14 and then humiliating Three's A Company 43-8 in the year's most lopsided score thus far. Charlotte's Angels, on the other hand, only had one game, doubling Mama Mafio's Mob 24-12.

In other games, the Femmes Justis bumped off the Upper Crust 20-12 and Mama Mafio's Mob and Huntington each won by default over U of S and the Upper Crust respectively. The women's high scorer of the week was Pat Irwin, who scored 16 points in Phys Ed's bombing of Three's A Company.

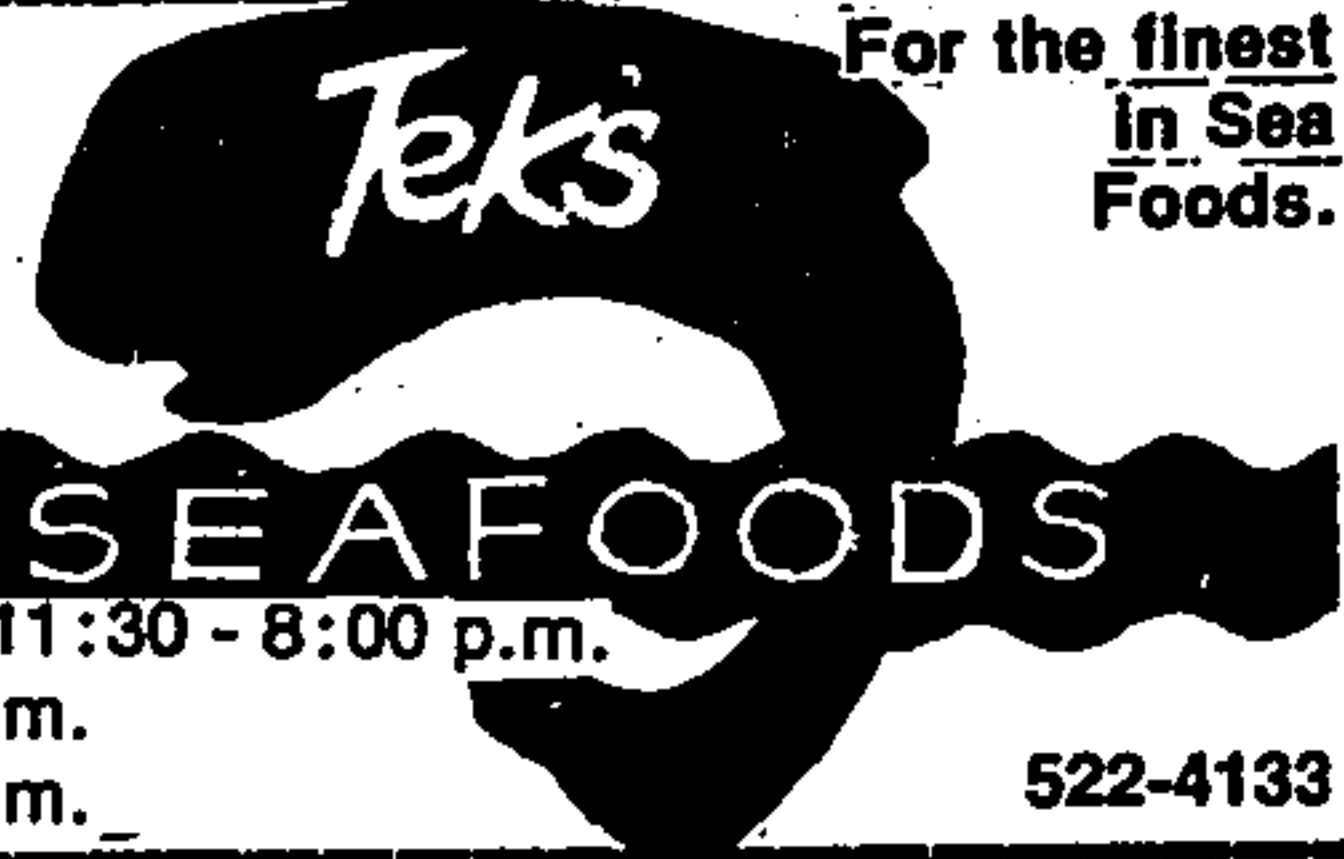
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Ladies win again

by Doug Rose

Norm Vickery's defending National Champion Varsity lady basketballers continued their undefeated string over the weekend by winning three games en route to the Concordia Invitational Tournament Championship. The Vees crushed Laval University 71-42 in the opening game, upended the University of New Brunswick 75-60 in the semi-finals and then outplayed the University of Southern Connecticut 75-63 to win the title. Laurentian's Sylvia Sweeney was selected as tournament MVP, averaging 27 points per game but, unbelievably, no Laurentian players were selected to the tourney all-star team.

In the first game, the Vees were plagued by a slow start, as has been the case in many games this year, and were only leading 28-20 over Laval at the half. However in the second half, led by Sylvia Sweeney who had 28 points and 11 rebounds, the Vees overpowered the opposition. Natalie Vukovich and Laura Donaldson each scored 8 points for the Vees while Eileen Galuska grabbed 9 rebounds.

In the U.N.B. decision, Sweeney had 24 points and 9 rebounds while Agnes Baker led the squad in rebounds with

10, adding 21 points. Former Vees star Kathy Jennings played outstandingly for the University of New Brunswick, who are one of the top teams in the country.

In the tournament final, Eileen Galuska and Sweeney combined for 48 points to give Laurentian the title of the University of Southern Connecticut for the second straight year. Last year, USC was ranked number 8 in the States and, this year, have reputedly "improved" and are top ten ranked again, giving Norm Vickery and his ladies quite an accomplishment. Besides Galuska's 20 points, she snared 10 rebounds and took control of the game after Sweeney ran into foul trouble early in the second half. Agnes Baker added 11 points and 8 rebounds for the Vees while Allison Towriss dumped in 10 points.

The ladies get more competition against American counterparts soon, as they travel to New York City over the Christmas break to enter the New York Invitational at Madison Square Gardens, featuring top contending teams in the U.S.

This weekend, the women's team is at home to host Bishop's University of Montreal in two exhibition games.

Hockey kills York

The Laurentian Hockey Voyageurs proved their merit last weekend, as well as establishing themselves as serious contenders in the OUAA eastern conference, by destroying the York Yeomen 8-1 in Toronto. Tim Stortini led the Vees attack with a hattrick, Lou Clements and Robin Laking had a goal and two assists each, and Bruce Hubbard, Grant McCaig and Rick Comtois added single markers. Lou O'hara came up with a big

game in net for Laurentian, who outshot York 31-27 over three periods. According to team spokesmen, the Vees played one of the, if not the, best games of the year, with Coach Billy Harris' troops playing their solid, hustling team-work approach.

This weekend, the Voyageurs travel south again, this time to the beautiful city of Kitchener-Waterloo, to take on the Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks.

B-ball drops title

The defending champion Laurentian Voyageurs failed to regain their title as winners of the prestigious Naismith Classic at the University of Waterloo this weekend, losing to the U. of W. Warriors and University of Manitoba in their only two games.

In the tournament's highlighted opening match, the hometown Warriors, before a packed house of 5,000 partisan fans, resoundingly thumped the Vees 96-68. Mark Bennett led the Voyageurs with 20 points while Mike Mulvihill and Don Macroberts each added twelve.

The Vees were then moved to the consolation side of the tourney where they lost to the University of Manitoba Bisons in an extremely close game, 70-68. Co-captains Bennett and Mulvihill again led the Vees with 22 and 14 points respectively.

Next action for the Voyageurs is this weekend as Laurentian hosts the Voyageur Invitational tournament, featuring the Athletes in Action, the University of Brock Badgers, the Fanshawe College Falcons and our own Voyageurs.

Athletes in Action to highlight Voyageur Invitational

The Laurentian men's basketball team will be out to defend their championship of last year this weekend. The 6th Annual Voyageur Invitational will be run Friday and Saturday, featuring a university / club / college section, and a women's exhibition series, and a high school section.

The team which should attract a great deal of attention will be the powerful Athletes in Action, billed as Canada's second best basketball team. The best, of course, is the National squad. This team hails from Abbotsford, British Columbia, and will arrive in Sudbury to spread their word and treat the crowds to some superlative basketball.

Coach Nichols has only one Canadian on his team, that being 6'8" centre Murray Redekop from Briarcrest Bible College in Caranport, Saskatchewan. The balance of the team centres around some of the finest U.S. college players over the past few years. The starting five goes this way: At guard 6'4" Harry Sheehy, a two time NCAA Division II All American from Williams College in Massachusetts. The point guard is 6'2" Dan Bell from North West Louisiana State. One of coach

Nichols' big guns is 6'7" Dan Frost who averaged 16 p.p.g. at Iowa, was second team All Big Ten M.V.P. of the prestigious Rainbow Classic and a 4th round draft choice of the Milwaukee Bucks. Starting at forward is 6'5" Jeff Fuhrmann of Old Dominion, the team's 2nd leading scorer. At centre is 6'8" Tim Warkentin who played at Biola College in Los Angeles and was a third team N.A.I.A. All American and a draft choice of the Portland Trailblazers.

The team is currently undefeated this year, with victories over Acadia, Guelph, and South Pacific. Last week, the A.I.A. team scored 78 points in the first half against the Ottawa Gee-Gees on the way to a 130 - 75 victory.

Fanshawe College Falcons, 1978 Ontario College Champions, ranked #2 in the country, will also be taking part in the tournament. Brock University Badgers, with star guard Doug Fast from Governor Simcoe High School, along with the host Voyageurs will round off the participants.

The high school section will include the Lockerby Vikings, the Sudbury Secondary Northstars, the Widdifield Wildcats, and the Sir James Dunn Eagles

from the Soo. These games will played Friday night at Lockerby before switching over to the Ben Avery Building Saturday, December 2nd.

The Laurentian women's basketball team will be playing two exhibition games against the Bishop's University Gaiters. The Gaiters, a top women's team, will surely hard press Coach Vickery's four time C.I.A.U. champions.

On Friday, December 1st, the Laurentian Voyageurs will meet the Fanshawe Falcons at 5:00 p.m. The Brock Badgers will play Athletes in Action at 9:00 p.m. at Laurentian's Physical Education Centre. The women will play Bishop's at 7:00 p.m. In the high school section at the Lockerby Composite Gym, Sudbury Secondary will take on Sir James Dunn at 7:00 p.m., while at 9:00 p.m. the Widdifield Wildcats will play the Lockerby Vikings.

The Saturday schedule is as follows; 1:00 p.m. Lady Vees vs Bishop's, 3:00 p.m. High School Consolation, 5:00 p.m. High School Final, 7:00 p.m. University Consolation and 9:00 p.m. University Final. All games on Saturday will be at the Ben Avery Gymnasium.

Huntington

The Huntington College Hawks avenged last year's loss in the finals of Laurentian's First Annual Invitational Floor Hockey Tournament by taking home all the hardware in this year's tourney. The Huntington Hawks, made up mostly of second and third year veterans, won the championship round by defeating Marchen Tents of Peterborough 6-5, while the Huntington Reserves, comprised mainly of rookies, took the consolation round with a 4-3 overtime victory over the U.C. Colts.

The Hawks, who defeated P.C.V.S., Globe & Mail and Sir Sanford Fleming, all of

sweeps floor hockey

Peterborough, to reach the final, were led by tournament MVP Gary "Finn" Maunu, who had a hattrick in the final. Randy Poole, Randy Gallagher and Mike Gallagher, tournament assist leader with 10, each notched singles in the Marchen Tents game. Gerry Price, the tourney's leading goal scorer, had all five Marchen Tent's goals in the losing cause.

In the consolation final, each team had taken 4 penalty shots in overtime to try and decide a winner before the consolation MVP Guy Tauvette potted the winner on the Reserves' fifth shot.

Other awards went to Ran-

dy Sokolski of Timmins for best goalie, Gary Maunu of Huntington, again, this time as best forward, Steve Paul of Sir Sanford for best defence and Don "Palmer" Shiek of the U.C. 8-Balls for the most gentlemanly player. A special award was also given to Cam McCloud of the Peterborough Globe & Mail for the most desire in the tournament.

Tournament co-ordinators Bill Whitney and Randy Poole would like to thank Carling O'Keefe, Taylor Sports, Demarco's and Lappas Bros., with special thanks to the volunteers, referees and officials who helped make the tournament run smoothly.

Men's V-ball lose big set

In the battle for first place in the OUAA Eastern conference this past weekend, the Laurentian men's volleyball team came up on the short end of a two game sweep, losing to Queen's University at the Ben Avery Gym.

On Friday night, the Vees started strong but then lost 3 straight games after their opening victory. The scores of 15-7, 13-15, 10-15 and 9-15 were indicative of the closeness of play, but Laurentian was unable to capitalize on opportunities to beat the Golden Gaels.

On Saturday the Vees again started well, losing the opener 14-16 and then came back to take a commanding 2-1 lead in

the match with 15-10 and 15-7 victories. However, after the Vees were edged 13-15 in the fourth game, the proverbial wind left their sails and they were thoroughly trounced

3-15 in the deciding game.

This weekend, Laurentian travels to Kingston to try and reverse last weekend's results as they take on the Queen's Golden Gaels in a rematch.

Women in second

The Varsity ladies Volleyball squad took 3 out of 4 matches in regular season play this weekend and vaulted themselves into second place in the OWIAA Eastern Conference. Victories over Ryerson, Trent and Carleton offset the loss to Ottawa. The injury-ridden line-up and coach Rob Perfect forgot all their aches and pains as the ladies started to play well together as a team.

The Vees defeated Trent in

4 games with scores of 15-2, 15-6, 8-15 and 15-13, then did the same to Carleton 15-17, 15-7, 15-4 and 15-5. The victory over Ryerson was awarded to them three games to nil as the Ryerson team defaulted due to car trouble.

In the final match of the day, the ladies lost in straight games to the first place University of Ottawa by scores of 15-2, 15-5 and 15-3.

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